

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/377,986, filed August 20, 1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/785,097, entitled METHODS OF ISOLATING DNA TARGET MATERIALS USING SILICA MAGNETIC PARTICLES and filed January 21, 1997, which application is herein fully incorporated by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 35, lines 10 and 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Forward 5' GTTTTCCCAGTCACGAC 3' [SEQ ID NO:1]
Reverse 5' CAGGAAACAGCTATGAC 3' [SEQ ID NO:2]--